

1 AN ACT relating to community health workers.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 309.462 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) ~~A[Effective January 1, 2023, no]~~ person shall **not** represent himself or herself as a
5 community health worker unless he or she is certified as such in accordance with
6 the provisions of KRS 309.460 to 309.464.
- 7 (2) In order to be eligible to apply for community health worker certification, an
8 individual shall:
- 9 (a) Be a legal United States resident;
- 10 (b) 1. Be a resident of Kentucky; or
11 2. Be employed as a community health worker in the state of Kentucky;
- 12 (c) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age; and
- 13 (d) 1. Complete a competency-based community health worker training and
14 mentorship program offered by an organization approved by the
15 department to provide community health worker training and
16 mentorship; or
17 2. Meet requirements established by the department through the
18 promulgation of administrative regulations, in accordance with KRS
19 Chapter 13A, for certification based on relevant and verifiable past
20 community health worker related work experience.
- 21 (3) Community health worker certifications shall be renewed **every three (3)**
22 **years**~~[annually and shall expire on October 31 of the year following the date of~~
23 ~~certification or recertification]~~.
- 24 (4) In order to be eligible for recertification, a certified community health worker shall
25 annually complete continuing education, as required by the department through the
26 promulgation of administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A,
27 related to the core competencies of community health work provided by an

- 1 organization approved by the department to provide continuing education for
2 certified community health workers. Administrative regulations promulgated
3 pursuant to this subsection shall include requirements for continuing education
4 related to oral health care, infant and maternal health care, and geriatric health care.
- 5 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, an individual shall be
6 eligible to earn college course credit for training, mentorship, and continuing
7 education completed pursuant to subsections (2) and (4) of this section.